



The 4-H Fair Spirit

The Armada Fair provides many positive benefits and experiences for 4-H youth and their families. It offers incentives for youth to complete educational projects. The fair also gives us an opportunity to recognize our 4-Hers' accomplishments. The judging process offers youths unbiased feedback and evaluation. Most importantly, the fair is a fun family-oriented weeklong activity where new friendships are developed and important life lessons learned.

The dedication and commitment of all 4-H youth and their families is needed to ensure we have these wonderful experiences at the fair, so please make sure to display the 4-H Spirit of Service by: 1) Setting up and cleaning up the various barns - contact the appropriate 4-H Superintendents for dates and times; 2) Signing up to be your club's day chairperson for a morning, afternoon, or evening shift - contact MSUE 4-H office 586-469-6431 for more information; 3) Volunteering to monitor the exhibit building during your club's day chairpersons shift - contact your club day chairperson; 4) Signing your club up to help with the Petting Farm by calling Michael Cobbett - 810 395-7333; 5) If you participate in the 4-H Livestock Sale or Silent Auction, show your spirit and come to the next meeting on July 23 at 7 p.m. at the Armada Fairgrounds to learn how you can get involved in the action, planning and success of this huge event. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact the 4-H Livestock Sale Committee member listed in the fairbook; or 6) Contact a 4-H or Fair Superintendent to see if there is something you can help them with.

Trailblazer Art Students Learn Fly Tying



Fly tying 4-Hers, pictured from left to right: Amber White, Mike Fontana, Steven Scaglione, Jon Foster and Jordan DuBaere.

On June 9th as part of their 4-H watercolor project the Trailblazer Art Students learned how to make trout flies. The students made their fly to be mounted with their watercolor painting of a trout.

Mike Fontana, a 4-H leader instructed the class with help from Mr. Ford the Art Teacher. We had nine of the 12 art students and Mr. Fontana's son Jacob tying flies. All of the kids had a great time learning this hobby and it showed in their work. This was a great addition to their watercolor project, and they were all interested in doing more in the future.

The fly tying kits were donated to the Trailblazers in Memory of James E. Ford, who was an avid trout fisherman.

*Submitted by Jim Ford, Project Leader
Trailblazers 4-H Club*

The fair needs us all to come together and pitch in where we can and as much as we can. Let's all show our 4-H Spirit of Service and become a greater part of making the fair fun for all. Thank you so much for your support!!

Kathy Jamieson, MSUE 4-H Agent

Panel Discusses Economy, Entrepreneurship in Michigan

As Michigan laments over the economic woes of the state's business downslide, MSU Extension of Macomb County is helping to create an antidote for Michigan's future economic recovery. The 4-H Future Entrepreneurs Club was created to raise the level of youth financial literacy. The program is being funded through a grant awarded to teach entrepreneur literacy to youth ages 13-18.

The ambitious, savvy and diverse nine-member club recently made their public debut with the "Ask the Entrepreneur" Workshop and Ice Cream Social. Admission was free and many responded to the press release and flyers created and distributed by members.

A Silent Auction" was included as a money-making opportunity. It proved to be fun and profitable. The youth donated a variety of items, (including four Detroit Tiger game tickets) that grossed \$107.01!

"I was very impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm of the young people and I have shared my experience with many of my colleagues and business associates", says Gail Mayberry, sole proprietor of Basket Favors in Detroit. Mayberry was one of four business owners invited by the club members, who sat on the "Ask the Entrepreneur" panel and answered questions from the 40-guest audience on a multitude of topics.

The entrepreneurs on the panel and in the audience were challenged to promote and encourage youth entrepreneur literacy by supporting the 4-H Future Entrepreneur Club's future efforts. "Way to go, future business owners!"

Youth Places in Horse Judging Contest, Honors Former Instructor

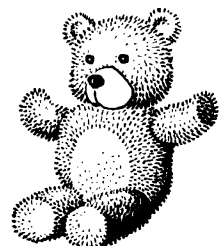
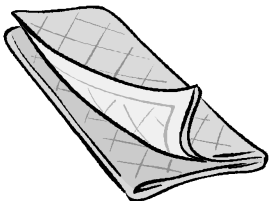
During the contest, 4-Hers from all over Michigan judged eight classes and were scored on how their placings matched up to those of official judges. Four classes are judged on the conformation of the horse and the other four on how the horses perform. This year the conformation classes consisted of Quarter Horses, Percherons, Morgans, and hunter-type horses. The performance



To prepare for the contest, the members of the Macomb County Team participated in nine classroom-style practice sessions, a clinic hosted by Heather Greba at Hox Acres in Washington Township, and a draft horse clinic hosted by Patricia Fons of Allenton. In addition, several of the team members judged a schooling show held at MacErin Equestrian Center in Lenox Township. The team will begin practice sessions again in October or November and is open to new members. If interested, please contact Lucy Brown at (810) 326-0897.

Washington Raiders Supports Turning Point

Washington Raiders 4-H Club members made fleece blankets and donated them along with toys and clothes to Turning Point, Inc., a shelter that takes in battered children and families. As a club, they made 30 blankets and collected needed items such as children's clothing, toys, and hygienic products.



*Submitted by Kayla Richardson, Reporter
Washington Raiders 4-H Club*

Club & Committee News (continued)

4-H Teens Testify Before Michigan Senate Environmental Committee

One teen from Macomb County spent Wednesday, April 18 speaking to several Michigan State Senators about the need for smart urban revitalization and growth and increased government collaboration at all levels on land-use issues. The teens were part of the 24-member Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council (M4-HYCC) that testified in front of the Michigan Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, sharing their research and recommendations for Michigan public policy.

The participating Macomb County M4-HYCC member is Alan Perzanowski. Senators Patricia Birkholz, Gerald Van Woerkom, Bruce Patterson, Raymond Basham and Mike Prusi listened intently and asked relevant questions as the teens offered a well-researched written report and oral presentation filled with ideas for smarter land use and reasons to consider green space preservation and reclamation.

The teens have spent the past several months researching and discussing the issue of land use and "cool cities," which the group selected as their focus topic for this year. In past years, M4-HYCC testimony helped create the Michigan Heritage Water Trail program and led to the introduction of a bill that would improve marine fueling techniques and reduce environmental problems associated with marine fuel spills.

Andrea Grix, M4-HYCC and 4-H educational program coordinator, says the M4-HYCC provides a youth voice in state government and helps identify real solutions to Michigan conservation issues. Participating teens have an interest in conservation, state government and leadership and are selected through an application process. Council members are encouraged to get involved in local community service projects related to the group's focus topic.

The Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council has received numerous awards over the years, including the 2005 Natural Resources Conservation Service Youth Environment Award, the 2004 Sea World/Busch Gardens/Fujifilm Environmental Excellence Award and the 2003 Michigan Senate White Pine Award for Environmental Excellence.



Left to right: Ellen Meyer, Oakland County; Laura Jung, Oakland County; Heidi Guck, Washtenaw County; Alan Perzanowski, Macomb County; Montana Cohn, Washtenaw County; and Mary DuCharme, Livingston County

Local Youth Participate in 2007 Art Exchange with China



"The Huron"

Artwork by Dominique Marku and Veronica Zeimis of Ewell Elementary School in Shelby Township was recently selected to represent Michigan in Binzhou City, Shangdong Province. Their artwork and that of others will be exhibited in schools in the eastern province of China.

Thousands of children from across Michigan participated in the Michigan 4-H Children's Art Exchange with China from September 2006 through April 2007. More than 400 works were chosen to be sent to Michigan State University in May. From those, 69 were selected to be sent to Shangdong Province.

In addition to Dominique and Veronica, artwork by the following Macomb County young people also represented Ewell Elementary and Macomb County at Michigan State University: Salem Asmar, Kayla Bareis, Danny Smyk, Hannah Wood, Evan Bassy, Christina Ercolani, Gledjan Kalaj, Andrew Barry, Taylor Card, and Paige Benard.

Since 1991, the 4-H Children's Art Exchange has encouraged Michigan children to create "visual letters" to send to children their own age in China. A visual letter, or picture, is similar to a written letter in that both tell stories, share important ideas and feelings, and connect children on two sides of the globe.



"Lilacs"

Through the 4-H Children's Art Exchange, children in grades K-6 are asked to communicate something important in their lives in a painting or drawing. Participants learn about China through Chinese children's art, including language, natural science, family, home, school, geography and the arts. They learn how to look at, and talk about art, and discover the many similarities between children in Michigan and China. All the Michigan children's artwork becomes part of an online art exhibit which can be viewed over the summer at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/chinapro.html>. For more information about the 4-H Art Exchange and other 4-H programs, contact the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office at 586-469-6431.

Club & Committee News (continued)

Clintondale M & M's 4-H Group Jumps for AHA

On May 15th 2007 the 4-H Clintondale Peer Mentor M & M Program collaborated with the American Heart Association and held a "Jump for Heart" fundraiser at Parker Elementary. The elementary students raised over \$900 in donations from family and friends, by participating in activities at a variety of stations designed to pump up their hearts. Over 100 students participated in this event for the American Heart Association to raise money for people with heart problems.

Mentors from Clintondale High School engaged the elementary students in shooting baskets, dancing, hula hooping, jump rope and double dutch. The participants learned from the guest speaker numerous heart healthy tips. The Clinton Township Public Access station did a T.V. spot on the event. All in all the fundraiser was a tremendous success and the kids really enjoyed completing the stations and raising money for the American Heart Association.

Macomb County's 8th Grade Scholarship Recipients

It is a pleasure to announce Macomb County's eighth grade 4-H MSU Pre-College Program Scholarship recipients for 2006. Congratulations to:

- Kaitlyn Clough (Poochez N Pals)
- Justin Cusumano (Poochez N Pals)
- Haley Waterstraat (Clever Clovers)
- April Weslowski (Clever Clovers).

Recipients receive a \$2,000 scholarship applied to their first year at MSU. A total of 60 scholarships are awarded annually. This year, 41 of those went to 4-H recipients.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the September-October 2007 issue of 4-H Family Notes is August 20, 2007. Articles and pictures about club, committee, mentor and other program activities and events are always welcome.

Submissions may be faxed to (586) 469-6948, e-mailed to Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov, or mailed to MSU Extension-Macomb County, Attn: 4-H Family Notes, 21885 Dunham, #12, Clinton Township, MI 48036.



Upcoming Events

4-H Dairy Days / Michigan Dairy Expo

4-H Dairy Days will be held July 16-20, 2007 in conjunction with the Michigan Dairy Expo at the MSUE Pavilion. Dairy Days is open to all Michigan youth ages 9-19. Many events are divided into junior and senior divisions.

Enjoy/take part in the Michigan Dairy Days Youth Show, Michigan Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Dairy Management Contest, Michigan 4-H Dairy Replacement Heifer and Commercial Heifer Sale, and Michigan Agriculture Expo. For information on the different contests and shows, visit the web at <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/dairy.html> or contact Kathy Jamieson at 586-469-6431 or jamies13@msu.edu.

Club Enrollment for 2007-08

Enrollment for 2007-08 will begin September 1. Club enrollment packets will be available for General Leaders to pick up at the Armada Fair August 14-19. The packets will be in the 4-H Barn. Notify 4-H staff by August 9th if you prefer to pick up your packet at the Extension office in Clinton Township.



Rabbit & Poultry Tagging

July 15, 2007

12-2 p.m. @ Armada Fairgrounds



4-H King and Queen Interviews

July 19, 2007
Wolcott Farm
12:30 p.m.

For more information call
Mary Goike 586-784-9372
or Jenna Lotan, 586-781-7081.



Macomb County Shooting Sports Tournament

July 12-14, 2007

Watch e-mail or call 586-469-6431
for registration forms.

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